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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 22, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

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FROM:

JOHN HOLDRIDGE JHH  
T. C. PINCKNEY TP

SUBJECT:

Laos Ceasefire Violations Paksong

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At Tab B is a message from Ambassador Godley reporting preparation of targets for 3 B-52 cells.

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State Dept. review completed

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T.C. Pinckney  
y.s. to: Scowcroft  
Heldridge

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

The Honorable William J. Porter  
Under Secretary of State for  
Political Affairs

The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Lao Cease-fire Violations by North  
Vietnamese at Paksong in Laos

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[redacted] in which the North Vietnamese Army was attacking in strength subsequent to the cease-fire. The Lao Groupe Mobile 33 was reportedly falling back and no tactical air was available to support his troops. At approximately 12:15 hours on 22 February 1973, following the commencement of the cease-fire in Laos, a large enemy force estimated to be in excess of one battalion launched an attack against the irregulars defending Paksong town and the intensity of the attack forced withdrawal of all elements of Groupe Mobile 33 which had been defending the town.

2. [redacted] states that Groupe Mobile 33 and his troops are fully engaged with the North Vietnamese, and that without tactical air support, there is no way that they can hold. He feels that if the North

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3. [ ] further advises that he is sending Souvanna Phoum<sup>25X1</sup> an urgent request that he advise President Nixon that the North Vietnamese are not adhering to the terms of the cease-fire and requesting continued U. S. tacair support.

4. [ ] is convinced that unless U. S. tacair support<sup>25X1</sup> is forthcoming, the already poor morale of his forces will further deteriorate and they will collapse completely.

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*Carl Meyer (for)*  
Thomas H. Karamessines  
Deputy Director for Plans

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FLASH

FM VIENTIANE

TO WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. KISSINGER

T O P S E C R E T 221600Z FEB 73 VIA CAS CHANNELS

FROM: AMBASSADOR GODLEY, VIENTIANE 725

TO: FLASH - THE WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. KISSINGER - EYES ONLY

AT 10:15 THIS EVENING I SAW SOUVANNA WHO WAS INCENSED AT  
CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT LAOS BY THE N.V.A. HE ASKED IF  
WE COULD HELP. I READ HIM YOUR MESSAGE WH30678 AND HE SAID  
HE CERTAINLY WANTED SOME B-52 STRIKES IN THE PAK SONG AREA.

OUR TARGETTING IS COMPLICATED IN THAT THE FRIENDLY POSITIONS  
ARE NOT CLEARLY DEFINED. WE WILL HOWEVER SEND TO GENERAL VOGT INFO  
YOU, JCS, SAC, CINCPAC, 3 CELLS IN THAT AREA THAT APPEAR TO BE  
BEST SUITED TO INDICATE TO THE ENEMY THAT HE WON'T HAVE A FREE RIDE.  
TO EXPEDITE MATTERS I AM SENDING A COPY OF YOUR WH30678 EYES ONLY TO  
GENERAL VOGT AS WELL AS A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE. IT WILL TAKE US  
SOME TIME TO GET THE TARGETS TO GENERAL VOGT BUT WE WILL DO OUR  
UTMOST.

AS EVER.

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HAK, SCOWROFT, LORD, DIME, (HOLDRIDGE, KENNEDY PER HOME)